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Summary

One warm spring day, following some profound events in Corona, Cass and Raps come across a girl who loves (and is obsessed with) blonde hair, in a park somewhere in Japan, and her English-born female friend. While Cass and Raps are figuring out who they are toward each other, the two girls they meet are going through the same, all while the sakura blossoms float through the air...

Notes

Hey everyone! Happy April 21st. Happy Lesbian Visibility Week (runs from April 20 to April 26)!

When I saw a recent event on a certain site, I proposed a few prompts. One prompt I saw which caught my eye was "any, any/any: playing with hair". I thought of this fic immediately, which was one of my favorite stories I wrote last year for the Spring Writing Event (hosted on r/FanfictionExchange), which I learned about when I was on Reddit. I changed one word in the original title from "Unmitigated" to "Boundless" while adding more scenes which have characters playing with hair (Shino with Alice's hair and Cass with Raps hair, for instance), along with making changes to expound more on the motivations of Alice, Raps, and Cass, and other alterations to improve the story. When posting it on a certain site, I added 1,106 words to this fic, expanding from the original by nearly 50% (about 49.5% to be exact) since the original fic was 2,236 words long. I further revised it when posting it here, adding another 33 words, to a total length of 3,375.

Some time ago, after I finished rewatching "Kin-iro Mosaic", otherwise known as "Kinmoza" (which is back on HIDIVE!), I decided to write this wild crossover for fun as a person who likes "Rapunzel's Tangled Adventure" and "Kin-iro Mosaic"! Shino and Alice are aged up here, while Rapunzel and Cass remain a bit older. I only included the Watcher as a method to bring these characters together. He is simply a plot device and nothing more. Similarly, I brought in Mari for fun since I really like her character and am a big fan of "Love Live!" (particularly Superstar and

Nijigasaki). I looked back at properties of the saved version of the original fic on my computer and I started it in March 2024. I also added a fic I read (it was posted here as well as on another site) as a sort of inspiration for this fic, although there is no hair grooming (only hair stroking, playing, etc.) in this fic.

Comments are welcome and appreciated, as is constructive feedback/criticism.

See the end of the work for more notes

- Inspired by Rapunzel's Golden Blonde Hair and Shino's Unmitigated Obsession by lefemmerouge
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In one world, Princess Rapunzel married an older man named Eugene Fitzherbert and become the Queen of an island kingdom, Corona. In that world, her marriage only occurred after she saved Corona from Zhan Tiri, an evil enchantress who had mentally manipulated her former lady-in-waiting, Cassandra. She and Cassandra had used their combined powers, of the Sunstone and Moonstone, to defeat Zhan Tiri *once and for all*. In this world, the events unfolded almost the same. However, not long after Rapunzel's marriage, her husband boldly announced she was beginning a transition to another gender. In no time at all, she called herself by the name Eugenia. She directed that her former name *never* be used. This invalidated their marriage, which had been rooted in an archaic *gender-specific* contract. Furthermore, the Moonstone and Sunstone powers had not *fully* disappeared, meaning that Rapunzel retained her golden blonde hair.

As the Watcher stepped away, he invited everyone to see what unfolded since that time all those months ago. Raps had retired to another island nation. She left Corona in the capable hands of Eugenia. She wanted to start her new life in a place called "Japan." Perhaps, one day, she would return to Corona. As it so happened, Cass was there too, as her guest. Any reasonable viewer would think that Raps was courting Cass as her next partner, although she wouldn't call it that. She didn't know *what* they were together. After Eugenia's transition, she was unsure of her sexual orientation, or her feelings for her former husband, who now was Queen of Corona. Raps had *always* thought she was heterosexual. Nowadays, she wasn't sure. What she experienced that day in Japan would catch her and Cass off guard, especially because due to the intensity from the woman she was about to meet.

"Shino, come on! How much farther?," the blonde-haired girl demanded. Alice was her friend-of-sorts or perhaps *something more* than that. Their relationship fell somewhere between friendship and romance. They still weren't sure, themselves, how to define their relationship. This was something they were committed to figuring out together. They saw no major reason to change how they acted around one another. "Alice, we're just about there and…" Her sentence quickly trailed off. She whispered in Alice's ear. "Can I play with your hair?" Her friend grumbled. She was willing to entertain her notion. "FINE. As long as it isn't for *too long*." She gently moved her hands through Alice's blond hair, so softly that Alice enjoyed the sensation. She'd never openly admit that, *especially* when they were in a public space. She would admit to it if they were together and no one was around. Shino for her part, was having *a lot of fun*, as she moved her friend's hair every which way with her fingers. Just as Alice was about to tell her to stop, demanding she remove her hands, her friend did so, which seemed very odd to her. She soon learned why.

Shino stopped in her tracks. Staring across the park on this warm spring day, she saw *HER*. It was a young woman with beautiful golden blonde hair. It almost glistened in the sunlight. Surely, the hair of Karen and Alice was exquisite, there was no denying that. But this woman's hair was *enchanting and mesmerizing*. Shino and Honoka Matsubara saw women with blonde hair that way, although neither Karen, Alice, Aya, or Yoko held a person's hair in such high regard. Shino and Honoka had even formed a Blonde Hair Alliance where they chatted about the wonderfulness of blonde hair. At times, they looked together at magazines filled with images of blonde-haired women.

While Alice could somewhat tolerate Honoka, and what Shino did there, she was completely horrified when she learned of Shino's idea: dying her hair blonde. The idea seemed far too weird for her. It disturbed her deeply. She demanded that her friend drop the idea immediately. For one, it would disrupt how she saw Shino. Secondly, looks *mattered* to her. Thirdly, she wanted Shino to *only* touch her blonde hair and not that of anyone else's. She wanted to have Shino's hand touching her, and only her. Perhaps this was a bit selfish, or even possessive, but she wanted this Japanese girl all to *herself.* Having Karen around could already be stressful at times. If Shino had blonde hair, it would make her feel *too close* to Shino, getting rid of one of her most unique qualities (a different hair color) as she saw it. She couldn't handle that. Luckily, her friend agreed to drop it and had never raised the idea again.

Shino almost shouted her request, her voice booming across the park as she ran toward the blond-haired young woman. Alice was surprised at how loud she was. "Ma'am, can I touch your hair? I've never seen *anything* like it."

Raps was taken aback. *Why* would she agree to let another girl touch her hair? That made *no sense* to her at all. She had looked over once, seeing them both of them together. With Shino happily tussling Alice's hair, she thought they had a nice relationship. She had no idea if they were friends or lovers. What did that matter? When a blonde-haired girl (Alice) caught up with the dark olive-green-haired girl, who had asked her the question, she clarified.

"Shino LOVES blonde hair a lot...so if she could indulge her this *one time*...then we would be out of... your hair." She didn't want Shino do this, but she also didn't want to create a row about this in public. She could almost tolerate it, but only if it was for a *short time*. She didn't want Shino to get close to any other girl, especially someone who had blonde hair. She would not be happy with that.

Raps had no issue if it would only be for *a second*. The shorter this strange interaction, *the better* for her. Cass was ready to strike this impetus Japanese girl. She even placed her hand on her sword in an

attempt to shoo her away. Raps told her to stand down. There would be no fighting *today* on her behalf. That would not be happening. She agreed to Shino's request. Cass whispered into Raps' ear a word of caution. "I *hope* you know what you are doing." Raps nodded. She would be fine. No harm would come to her.

Raps replied to the girl. "Sure...Miss...she can do that...but *only* for...a second...I have to get to the Coronan embassy in Tokyo *post-haste*." While she had read newspaper articles about recent events in her home country, she knew that the embassy reports would contain confidential information. As such, they included items which would likely not be printed in local papers. That is exactly what she wanted to read.

Shino was overjoyed to hear this. What *a treat* to see blonde hair, from someone other than her friends, during the spring season! Sometimes, during the season, which stretched from March to May, she was in a bit of a blonde-hair-drought, apart from her friends, which dismayed her. For some Japanese people, the island came alive with festivals, food, and flowers, drawing travelers to visit. For Shino, she came alive thanks to this encounter.

As the warm weather washed over her and cherry blossoms fell around her, on this late April day, she caressed the Raps' hair. She almost felt like she was touching an angel. She nearly imagined Raps as the latter. At the same time, Raps felt Shino's hand on her head. She could feel that Shino's hand was soft and *a bit* dainty. She let the girl indulge herself and move her hair around, tussling every strand to her heart's content. She could barely tell the time was passing. Soon it had been five minutes, or maybe ten minutes, or even fifteen… she had lost track by now. Shino did not want to stop what she was doing, as she was content with herself.

Alice was getting extremely jealous. What if this girl took Shino away from *her*? What if she moved *permanently* to the Coronan embassy? What if she left the entire country altogether and went to Corona? All these thoughts swirled in her head. She quickly pulled Shino away from Raps and close to her. She only should be touching her head for that long, *no one else's*. She couldn't let something like this ever happen again. She would make sure it didn't.

"Shino! That's *enough*! I don't want you to get obsessed with foreign things *again*." Her words saddened Shino. Even so, she didn't want to hurt their relationship. That would be bad to say the least. In the past, she had some fights with her, including buying a computer for school work. Alice was afraid that if she had a computer, it would be full of images of blonde-haired women. Whether that would have happened or not, a *single strand* of golden hair, especially Alice's, would be a present-of-sorts, for Shino. She loved blonde hair so much that she had even

purchased magazines in another language just to see blond hair. To this day, Alice had nightmares filled with Shino sporting blonde hair.

At one point, Alice had reportedly forgotten *how* to speak Japanese and wouldn't stop speaking English because she thought Shino didn't like her anymore. They got over that hurdle. Often, Shino cheered up Alice. After all, why wouldn't she? As she had said many times, Alice was her good luck charm. This was no surprise. Alice had once described Shino as gentle and kind after they began living together. She even let Shino tussle her hair all the time, as it cheered her up, and it always made Shino happy. As time went on, she had grown homesick of her home country of England. She missed her friend Karen. The latter ended up in Japan. Both often spoke broken Japanese, at least at first.

All that time ago, Alice had come to Japan *because* she wanted to see Shino again. Her family held a Shino Anniversary Day every year to celebrate when Shino came to England. Alice competed with Karen for Shino's attention after she arrived. Eventually, their friendship was rekindled. Shino continued to show off her love for blondes. Alice helped Shino become more confident in herself, especially when it came to taking tests. They both loved spending time together, whether over the holidays, like Christmas, or any other time. Shino still aimed to become an interpreter, a dream she first had after meeting Alice, even though she was *abysmal* at English speaking.

Shino had gone as far as to hold an English tea party and make sweets. She saved up money with Alice so they could travel to England *together*. Shino had become friends with Honoka, another girl who *also* loved blonde hair. They had become fast friends because of it. All that had been years ago. To this day, Shino *still* saw Alice and Karen as her angels-of-sorts. Alice and Karen remained good friends. Unsurprisingly, Shino felt extremely lonely when Alice went to England, with Karen, for a week. She was feeling the impact of the blonde hair drought. She hated it. After returning, Alice promised to go with her next time. When she said that, Shino beamed, with a smile so bright.

Presently, Raps wasn't sure what to do with this blonde-hair-loving-girl. Cass told her in a low voice that they needed to back away slowly *and flee*. Raps did not want to do that. Why couldn't they have tea in the Coronan embassy or meet at the house of this girl… and her *affectionate friend*? She wasn't sure if Alice was Shino's friend or something more. Whether they were friends or romantic partners mattered little to her. She was *just curious*. Who wouldn't be? Even so, she didn't want to ask about it because she didn't want to pry into their lives. Cass put her hand on Raps head and snarled. "I'm the *only one* who can touch my lady's hair. No one else and for a such a long period time. I'm not letting this *ever* happen again." On that count, Alice agreed with her, as she felt the same way as her, but about Shino. As she growled, she began playing

with Raps hair. As it turned out, Raps wouldn't mind Cass doing this all day...

"Miss Shino and...uh…" Raps began, with Cass's hand on her head. She moved her hair around, stroked it, and moved her fingers through it, showing her dominance. The message was clear to anyone watching: *no one* should mess with *her* girl. The hair was only hers to touch. No one else better lay a hand on her. Alice interjected, "Call me Alice. My name is Alice Cartelet. I studied Japanese so I could be fluent...and *be with Shino*...traveling across the wide ocean…"

Raps smiled. What a beautiful story. For someone to go that far of a distance to be with someone, they must like them a lot, right? Right? Before she could say anything back in response, Cass blurted something out. Raps had been thinking the same thing, but didn't say it. "So, Ms. Cartelet, you must *love* Shino, right?...I see how you interact with each other…"

Alice started to say something, to respond to this Cass's bold claim. What could she say? What would be the *right* thing to say? Did she really love her? Or were they just really, really good friends? She wasn't sure. But, there was no doubt in her mind that Shino was important to her. She would do anything for her. The stakes had never been that high, not nearly as deadly as anything that Raps or Cass had gone through. Even so, they had their share of struggles, on their own, which shaped who they were. Even so, their friendship stayed strong, even through choppy waters. And that's what mattered.

"I guess so…Shino Omiya is *my favorite* in many ways, you know..." Shino cut her off. "Oh yeah, I'm *deeply* in love with her...every part of her…," she began, causing Alice to blush like no one's business. Her face turned as red as a tomato ripening on the vine inside a greenhouse. How could Shino say something that direct? She then turned the tables on Cass. She decided to challenge her too. It was only fair. She had to get the attention away from her.

"So, Miss...you *like* your blonde-haired companion right?...in the same way that I *love* Alice?" Cass was unsure what to say. How could she explain it? She knew that she liked girls, but she didn't know anything more than that. Sure, there was a panoply of labels that could apply to her, but which one *in particular* was one she could use? She didn't know. As she thought of this, she continued to tussle Raps' hair and twirling other parts with her fingers. She had been with her for many years. She expertly styled her hair so it wouldn't cause any problems. It was necessary because her hair was so long. Sometimes it took thirty minutes to an hour every morning to make sure she was presentable.

"It's *Cassandra*, Ms. Omiya… or Cass for short. I'm still figuring out everything myself...but I would say that Raps is my *dear friend*..." She said these words confidently. She wouldn't back away from anything she said.

Raps was glad to hear that. She took note at *how* Cass described her. She didn't say she was her romantic partner, nor did she use terms like "girlfriend." While that would have bothered her, it didn't. She was just glad that Cass was at her side, after everything that had happened. Like Cass, she was trying to determine where her identity fell. If she wasn't straight, than what *was* she? She thought about all of this as Cass weaved her hands through Raps braid, enjoying herself, but also making Raps happy that someone cared about her so intimately to do this with such ease and without blushing, not even once.

Almost like it was interrupting them, flowers fell off the cherry blossom trees, moved through the air gracefully, and blew toward them. It was a beautiful sight. They forgot about all their worries, right then and there.

Suddenly someone said "the sakura trees are...*bellissimo*...I really missed them." None of them could place the voice. The woman who said those words wore a black leather jacket and blue jeans. She happened to be passing by the park, where they were all standing together and chatting. She smiled at them. Shino was drawn to the woman's light blonde hair almost *immediately*. In her mind, she knew that Alice would get annoyed with her if she tried to touch the hair of another woman, like she had done with Raps. On a certain level, Alice was jealous once again. At the same time, maybe she didn't want Shino to get in "trouble." Not everyone would be like Raps.

Despite recognizing Alice's worries, Shino couldn't stop herself. She let go of Alice's hand and ran toward the woman. Alice shook her head. "Oh who you might be?" the woman asked, inquisitively. "I'm…uh…that isn't important...*can I* touch your beautiful hair?" The woman laughed heartily. How could this *little girl* be so bold to ask that? She rejected her outright. She couldn't let this happen. Even so, she still wanted to put on the charm.

"I appreciate the offer little missy... but no thanks... *you can* admire my wonderful beauty instead," she empathically declared, like she was trying to prove something to someone, or was being filmed. Perhaps both were happening.

The woman struck a pose, shouted the word "Shiny!" for some reason, allowing Shino to snap a photo. Right after she ran off, disappearing as soon as she came, she blew a kiss in Shino's direction. She was utterly enamored. Alice was not pleased and nearly blew a kiss Shino's way

herself. None of them knew *who* this woman was, until they heard a passerby. "Mari-sama...Please sign an autograph!...wait for me!"

At that moment, Cass whipped out her flip-top phone. She typed in the words "Mari blonde hair Japanese girl." One main result came up: Mari Ohara. She had formerly been a school idol for a group named Aquors. Her father, who was born in Italy and later moved to the States, ran a successful hotel chain. She was noted as a "rich girl" in articles. Her father even sponsored a school named Uranohoshi, before it closed because there weren't enough students enrolled.

Alice caught up with Shino and firmly grabbed her hand. She said in her typical cadence, "Shiiino!!" Raps came closer to both of them, and made an offer. What she said surprised Cass, who didn't expect this, especially after Shino had been fawning over her hair. She still firmly was stroking Raps hair and claiming her as her own, refusing to let anyone else butt in. Raps thought that should could get to know them better. They *couldn't* be late to the embassy.

"Would you like to drink some tea at the Coronan embassy?...we can ride a train there..." While Cass shook her head and grumbled, Shino was overjoyed by this offer. Why not spend more time with someone with beautiful blonde hair?

While she was worried before, Alice was fine with it, *this time*, as long as *she* could stay with her. She wanted to keep an eye on her, to make sure she didn't do anything *bad*. Cass felt the same way about Raps, as she *didn't want* her to allow Shino to touch her hair again. They all began walking toward the train station, as the sakura blossoms littered the air. Cass, after all these minutes, removed her hand from Raps' head and locked her hand with her friend (or more than a friend). Raps smiled. She didn't mind, not in the slightest. What remained next for Cass, Raps, Shino, and Alice, following their arrival at the embassy in Tokyo, would be up to them...

End Notes

This fic relies upon the page of Shinobu Omiya on the Kin-iro Mosaic fandom wiki for some details which were used in the fic. The same was the case for the page for Mari Ohara on the Love Live! fandom wiki. I am considering writing future fics involving Shino meeting other characters with have blonde hair, including: Eve in "Birdie Wing," Violet Evergarden (in the series of the same name), Usagi and Minako in "Sailor Moon," Marcille in "Dungeon Meshi," Yang in "RWBY," Marin in "Dress-Up Darling," Ruby in "Oshi no Ko," Chisato in "Lycoris Recoil," Tsumugi in "K-On!," Victorique in "Gosick," Maria Oosawa in "Canaan," Kou Yagami in "New Game!," Kyouko in "YuruYuri," Tohru in "Miss Kobayashi's Dragon Maid," and Azusa in "I've Been Killing Slimes for 300 Years and Maxed Out My Level." I made that sort-of promise in March 2025, but no such fics were written in the year since. Even so, it is still possible, I suppose, that I would write such fics in the future. Otherwise, I wish I could have used some of the phrases on the "Japanese profanity" Wikipedia page, but none of those phrases fit here. Lastly, I would love to write *more* Love Live! fics in the future, although I can't say what form those fics will take.

When this fic was originally posted on AO3, on March 13 of last year, it garnered multiple comments (plus over 120 hits and 5 kudos) with some calling it a "quite interesting...mix of fandoms" and "fun chaos" or said that Raps deserved a break. Others called the crossover "unexpectedly tender" while pulling together "so many characters and fandoms with such playful energy" while it delightful, originally, and "full of love for the source materials." One commenter added that "Shino's blonde-hair obsession [w]as [used as] the throughline...[giving] the fic this whimsical yet emotionally resonant feel. Raps and Cass navigating their identities alongside Alice and Shino's dynamic gave the piece a surprising layer of emotional honesty". Another praised the sudden Mari Ohara cameo as "hilarious and perfect", said the fic was amazing, "heartfelt and creatively bold," and lauded my research. One more commenter said the fic was "full of playful warmth, heartfelt moments" while being a "sweet slice-of-life...[that was] colorful, emotional, and full of possibility." Another said that "Eugene becoming Eugenia is a good representation of a transgender [character]...[who] had her gender identity sorted out and is trying to live with her own identity. Raps and maybe Cass (though she knows her orientation) have a chance, but maybe being really good friends is a good place to start."

Later, I cross-posted the fic on here, asianfanfics, Wattpad, Quotev, and Royal Road.

This was originally posted on Sunset, a femslash fanfic site. However, it was removed when I was sadly perma-banned for mishandling interactions with a few users, despite apologizing to those users, removing certain passages of fics, and apologizing to the Sunset admin (and others). As such, I would recommend **against** *anyone* joining that site, or Superlove. Both admins (Melo/Kat for Superlove, Agnes for Sunset) are friends with each other. Those admins are very particular and not in a good way. I find the whole circumstance deeply unfortunate. I wish it could have been resolved a much better way.

Also, I saved a copy on the Internet Archive. I do not want this fic to be lost. I have not included some tags I had on Sunset (like Prompt Fill, First-ever crossover of Tangled and Kiniro Mosaic!, Queer Community, first Cassunzel fic on here, First Rapunzel's Tangled Adventure fic on here, First Kin-iro Mosaic fic on here, First What If...? fic on here, Sunset's Femslash Refresh 2026, and Exclusive to Sunset), but others have been retained (or enhanced). On Sunset it was listed as part of two series: "My Femslash Refresh 2026 Collection" and "From Blonde Hair to Catgirls: My Tangled Fics."

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